

JSOU NEXT

JSOU NEXT generates and delivers the education the SOF Enterprise needs to innovate forward in order to compete, deter, and fight in an era of Great Power Competition. To meet the demands of postmodern warfare, and built on a foundation of American values, JSOU is expanding its intellectual portfolio through education on:

- Geostrategy, geo-economics, and transnational affairs
- Strategic intelligence, and joint inter-agency, inter-governmental, and multinational (JIIM) Futures
- Exponential technology and emerging technology convergence
- Contemporary Leadership and Ethics for the SOF Professional

JSOU's flagship courses in the areas of special activities, remain critical in shaping students' minds in the art of Irregular War and Warfare, and more broadly, the comprehensive utility of special operations as an instrument of national force, in JIIM-C mission configurations, along the continuum of special operations low-intensity cooperation-competition-conflict (SO/LIC3).

JSOU Next is guided by the 2018 NDS, the May 2020 CJCS and Joint Chiefs of Staff Vision and Guidelines for improving and enhancing Joint Professional Military Education (JPME), USSOCOM Priorities, and the Commanding General's Command Guidance Letter (CGL) to JSOU 7 June 2020.

Ultimately, our new charter is to ... Become SOCOM's Center of Joint SOF Thinking. To become SOCOM's Innovation and Experimentation Laboratory on all things SOF education.

As such, we must review, renew, reorient, and reenergize JSOU in ways that synergistically do three important things: (1) Effectively anticipate war-fighter requirements, (2) Challenge SOF's current thinking with respect to roles and missions regarding Great Power Competition, and (3) to guard against 'business as usual' patterns ... to overcome 'continuation biases. These are the three legs of a strategic approach towards realizing our JSOU Next reforms below.

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- Evolve JSOU from a demand-based to a supply-based, demand-informed educational activity; the latter producing greater anticipatory and prospective needs-based client services
 - Reorientation of SOF's University along three Lines of Effort (LOEs)
 - Teaching and Learning
 - Courseware Review and Refit, including ID of new courses to incorporate and course divestitures
 - Development of a SOF Common Core Curriculum
 - Experimentations with innovative methods and modes of education delivery
 - Design of new Academic Department—Department of Strategic Intelligence and Emergent Tech
 - Expansion/Enlargement of JSOU's International Education Program to incorporate 3-D Studies (Development-Diplomacy-Defense)
 - Research and Analysis
 - Designation of SOF Research and Analysis as the engine of all-things SOF education, leader preparation, and leader development
 - Establishment of JSOU's Institute for SOF Strategic Studies
 - Establishment of quarterly-running "Future of SOF Utility" forums
 - Service and Outreach
 - Expansion and enlargement of external teaming and partnering relationships, full JIIM-C
 - Establishment of the Department of Strategic Engagement
 - Establishment of new Center of Excellence—SOF's Center for Adaptive and Innovative Statecraft (CAIS)
 - Pursuit of stackable certifications-based learning pathways with enduring partner colleges and universities
 - New faculty talent hires